

Burrishoole Parish

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The Bishop's Cake

I was on Clare Island doing duty again a few weekends ago. It's usually a pretty relaxed and relaxing affair, allowing time-out to refresh and reflect. But that wasn't the case this time - a few days before departure I got a call to let me know that our new Archbishop would be travelling with me.

Archbishop Duffy had never been to Clare Island before, (or any of our Islands for that matter) and so it was a first for him. It was also a first for the Island with the new Archbishop staying overnight. It was a lovely experience for all, made all the better by the very clement weather and totally calm seas.

As you can imagine Archbishop Duffy received a very warm welcome. Mass on Friday evening was particularly beautiful with both visiting and local musicians providing beautiful music. The readings and Prayer of the Faithful were read by the children who had made their Confirmation during Covid and it was lovely to see the locals chatting easily with their new Archbishop after Mass. But it was the cup of tea when we arrived which was most memorable for me.

Not being used to boats the archbishop was a bit nervous about the crossing. I, on the other hand, was more nervous about the car on the island. Would it start? And if not, what would I do? Luckily for both of us our anxiety was unfounded as the crossing was smooth and the car, after a few hesitant chugs, coughed itself into action and brought us unscathed to the priest's house. There we were met by members of the Pastoral Council and offered tea and cake. But it was no ordinary cake; it was 'The Bishop's Cake'.

'The Bishop's Cake' is a type of cake peculiar to Clare Island. The story goes that some time back when a former Archbishop was to visit the island for Confirmation one of the island ladies was given the job of baking a cake for the occasion. On the morning of the Confirmation she set about baking a madeira cake only to discover, when it was too late, that she hadn't enough of the right type of

flour so she added wholemeal flour to the mix. The Bishop of the day praised the cake highly and so that unique type of cake got the name; 'the Bishop's Cake' To this day 'The Bishop's cake' is only ever prepared for the visit of the archbishop or, in times past, when Stations were celebrated in a family home.

'The Bishop's Cake' is a tasty mix between Madeira cake and bread. It's neither sweet nor savoury but has a lovely texture and is rich and moist. It was a welcome treat after the crossing from Roonagh and the Archbishop was quick to identify the appointed baker after Mass to complement her.

Following Mass on Saturday morning, we took the 10am boat for the mainland and chatted about the Clare Island experience. It is a parish which has had no resident priest for over 20 years and which one weekend in four celebrates its own Communio Liturgy in the absence of a priest. Far from being an exception, in the coming years parishes like Clare Island will become the norm. 'The Bishop's Cake' may have been a tasty remnant from the past but a visit to Clare Island is a visit to our future.

We had some more of the cake after Mass on Friday evening but that was the last I saw of it. I noted that the Archbishop literally made the cake 'His Cake' when he quietly slipped what was left into his bag before heading for home!

God Bless, Fr Tod

Weekday Mass

Please note that there is no 10am Mass in Tiernaur this Mon 25th or in Mulranny on Friday 29th. Mass on Friday will be celebrated on the summit of Croagh Patrick at 10am! All welcome.

Covid Precautions

As we experience this latest wave of Covid infection, parishioners are once again encouraged to wear face masks in church and to sanitise their hands on entering and leaving Mass. Let us continue to be mindful of the most vulnerable.

Pattern Day/Graveyard Masses

Pattern Day Mass will be celebrated at Burrishoole Abbey at 1pm on Monday August 1st.

Masses will be celebrated in each of our parish cemeteries each evening at 7pm during that week;

Tuesday Aug 2nd Mulranny

Wednesday Aug 3rd Kilbride

Thursday Aug 4th Killeen

Parishioners are invited to look after their graves in preparation for the Graveyard Masses

Garland Friday Mass

Fr Tod will celebrate the annual Garland Friday Mass on the Summit of Croagh Patrick this Friday at 10am. Why not come along and join us?

Mayo Cancer Support APM

Mayo Cancer Support Association will host its Annual Public Meeting on Monday, July 25 in the Bridge Street Bar, Main Street, Castlebar at 8.30pm. All welcome to attend. Call 094 903 8407 for more details.

Grandparents Pilgrimage

The National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock takes place this Sunday, 24 July 2022. It will include the celebration of World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. Anointing of the Sick will be at 2.30 p.m., followed by Mass at 3.00 p.m. Celebrant and Preacher will be Archbishop Francis Duffy.

Máméan Pilgrimage

The annual pilgrimage to Máméan will take place on Sunday, 7 August 2022. Turas na Croise will be at 3.00 p.m. followed by Mass. Archbishop Francis Duffy will lead this year's pilgrimage and he will be the celebrant and preacher at the Mass. Beidh fáilte roimh 'chuile dhuine.

Glenhest Church Painting

Tenders are been accepted for the painting of the inside of Saint Joseph's Church, Glenhest. Applicants must be insured and tax compliant. Please return all necessary documents to Rev John Reilly, Parochial House, Lahardane, Ballina, Co Mayo F26X4D8 on or before July 29th.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline

Many families are experiencing great financial hardship at this time. Should your family need help please call the confidential local confidential helpline 086 4181000.

Eucharistic Adoration

The Annual 33 hr Eucharistic adoration takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine on Thurs/Fri August 11th and 12th. Burrishoole Parish has been invited to cover Thursday from 11am-12noon.

Church Envelopes

Thank you to all who have returned their Blue Envelope. In these very difficult times your support is deeply appreciated. Envelopes can still be dropped in the baskets at weekend Mass or dropped in the letterbox of the priest's house.

John Tiernan Memorial Greenway Cycle

The memorial cycle in aid of Mayo Cancer Support, Rock Rose House takes place next Sunday. Registration is €20 from 9am at Westport Leisure Centre with the cycle departing at 10am. Refreshments will be served at Nevins, Tiernaur.

Befriending Volunteer Western Alzheimers

Can you spare a couple of hours per week? A little time goes along way. Become a Befriender to those living with Dementia. Full Training Provided Contact Caroline on 087-3694477 or 0949364900 or Volunteer@westernalzheimers.ie

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses 10am

Mon-No Mass, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-No Mass
Hubert Keane and his parents John and Nora Keane. Lecarrow

Weekend Masses

Saturday July 23rd Tiernaur at 7pm:

Jim O Boyle, Knockbreaga and his wife Muriel. Tom O Boyle. Deceased members of the Hoban, Kelly and Sweeney families.

Sunday July 24th Newport at 10am:

Mary Halloway (nee Murray), England and Kilbride (Mths Mind). Gabriel Alex Diamond Acres and his grandmother Geraldine Diamond. Phylis and Tom Burke and son Liam, Rossinrubble, and deceased members of the Burke and Leneghan families. Paddy and Mary Mc Cormack, Meddlcott St and deceased members of the Mc Cormack and Sweeney families.

Sunday July 24th Mulranny at 11.30am:

John Moran, Cushleca. (15th Anniversary)

Saturday July 30th Tiernaur at 7pm.

Geoffrey Moran, Roskeen

Sunday July 31st Newport at 10am:

Bobby Hanrahan, Newport (Months Mind). John and Mary Ellen Sammon and son Paddy and the deceased members of the Spellman family, Lecarrow. Mary and Paddy Clancy, Quay Rd. Jack and Aileen Corbett, Newport and their sons Justin, Liam and Michael.

Sunday July 31st Mulranny at 11.30am:

Jack and Catherine Joyce, Mulranny. John Barrett, Rosturk, his wife Mary and deceased family members.